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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of our members and supporters, the undersigned leaders of national public health and medical organizations respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss the important role the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plays in cleaning up the air we breathe and protecting millions of Americans from the life-threatening dangers of air pollution. Some of those who are most vulnerable to air pollution include children with asthma, adults with heart disease, newborns and children of all ages, as well as older adults – but everyone needs healthy air.

Thankfully, the Clean Air Act has yielded tremendous benefits to the American people, as documented in multiple studies. We urge EPA to continue to implement and enforce this lifesaving public health law, and to build upon its success cleaning up air pollution and protecting Americans' health for the past 47 years. Our organizations strongly support moving forward with safeguards that promote and protect public health, and oppose initiatives to block, weaken, or delay critical health protections. We would like to discuss with you how to best continue this progress and protect the health of all Americans.

Key priorities that we would like to discuss with you include:

- Continuing EPA's history of using independent, peer-reviewed scientific information and advice to inform its policymaking;

- Upholding EPA's scientific integrity policy, which ensures the the timely release of scientific research and reviews;
- Fully implementing and enforcing the Clean Air Act, including the air pollution health standards, without delay;
- Continuing to clean up sources of air pollution, including cars, trucks, power plants, and oil and gas facilities;
- Addressing the health impacts of climate change, both by reducing the carbon and methane pollution that worsen it, and by investing in measures to study and reduce its health impacts in communities; and
- Ensuring continued public access to air quality and climate change data and information, and other EPA resources, including on EPA's website.

Please consider our organizations a resource on these issues, along with other topics that impact public health. To help schedule this important conversation, please contact Lyndsay Moseley Alexander at the American Lung Association: Lyndsay.moseley@lung.org, 202-481-7668.

Sincerely,

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